1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
35.	Barpeta Road	970	718	—	746	—	—
36.	Changsari	—	482	—	—	—	—
37.	Rangapar North	475	711	314	88	107	406
38.	Srirampur Assam	—	—	213	300	—	—
39.	New Bongaigaon	—	—	445	1922	2356	2266
40.	Bongaigaon	—	—	512	396	111	111
41.	Fakiragram	—	—	100	300	483	480
42.	Gosaigaon Hat	—	—	139	139	375	375
43	Bihata	—	—	260	160	—	—
44.	Tihu	—	—	72	201	150	150
45.	Patiladah	—	—	—	—	140	203
46.	Silapathar	—	—	100	300	259	1592
47.	Sarbhog	—	—	—	—	204	204
8.	North Lakhimpur	—	—	100	300	—	—
49.	Gohpur	—	—	100	300	—	—
50.	Harmoti	—	—	100	300	—	—
51.	Kamakhya	1000	—	500	3369	2000	589
52.	Guwahati	13869	7183	3824	2622	8752	5377
	TOTAL	30113	19624	33898	44000	33050	28524

Harassment of female train passengers

1425. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Human Rights Commission has issued extensive direction to the Ministry of Railways to ensure protection of female passengers in trains, against sexual harassment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said directives have been implemented;

(d) whether the Commission has also asked for a report on the issue from the Railway Board; and

(e) if so, whether the said report has since been sent to the Commission; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details are given below:—

(I) Although, it was pointed out by the representatives of the Ministry of Railways that instructions have already been issued *vide* the office of Railway Board, Ministry of Railways letter No. 91 / TG-II / 1004 / 17 dated 10.9.97 regarding the process of filing FIRs in running trains and display of information about it, however, it was reiterated that there are still complaints that the FIR forms are not available and that it should be ensured that the forms are easily available and the public is provided complete information about the procedure to be followed.

(II) The Railway Board should come up with appropriate notices at strategic points in all railway stations / coaches mentioning thereby that sexual assault, obscene remarks, stares, gestures, songs and unwanted attention were all forms of sexual harassment and were therefore offences punishable by law under the Indian Penel Code and the Railways Act. It was further suggested that the contents of the above notice could also be put on the close circuit TV at all the railway platforms.

(III) The Railway should also disseminate information at all railway stations as well as within the trains as to whom the women passengers should approach to lodge their complaints.

(IV) Trains and routes on which maximum complaints were registered should be given priority with regard to implementation of steps mentioned above.

(V) The different functionaries attached to various trains ought to be sensitized to issues relating to women. The Railway Board may organise Gender Sensitization Programmes for which they could seek the help of the NGO, Jagori and other women's groups involved

in issue and that they may be incorporated into the regular training programmes conducted by the Ministry of Railways for their functionaries from time to time.

(VI) The Railway Ministry may from State level co-ordination committees with representatives of RPF and GRP in order to periodically review the progress of implementation of the measures taken for the safety of women passengers.

(c) Action is being taken to implement the suggestions.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No, Sir. Action taken report is under process.

Railway Employees' Unions

1426. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:

SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of employees' unions functioning on Indian Railways, alongwith the names and the status regarding recognition of each of them as on 31st December, 2001;

(b) whether Bhartiya Railway Mazdoor Sangh has been recognized by the Indian Railways;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether representation to recognize Bhartiya Railway Mazdoor Sangh has been received by the Indian Railways; and

(e) if so, when and the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Weak Rail Bridges in Kerala

1427. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted a study to ascertain and identify the weak rail bridges in Kerala;